

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the Sequence Listing and replace it with the Substitute Sequence Listing provided herewith by inserting it after the last page of the specification.

Please replace paragraph [00039] at page 11, lines 1-4, with the following paragraph.

[00039] **FIGURES 24A-B** depict a schematic diagram of a compact synthetic vector (Panel A) that employs the tRNA Valine promoter to regulate the expression of a functional RNA molecule shown in schematic form (SEQ ID NO:51) (Panel B) that is ultimately processed by RNase III to generate a siRNA molecule specific for eGFP (SEQ ID NO:40);

Please replace paragraph [00040] at page 11, lines 5-8, with the following paragraph.

[00040] **FIGURES 25A-B** depict a schematic diagram of a compact synthetic vector (Panel A) that employs the human 87U6 internal promoter to regulate the expression of a functional RNA molecule shown in schematic form (SEQ ID NO: 52) (Panel B) that is ultimately processed by RNase III to generate a siRNA molecule specific for eGFP (SEQ ID NO:46);